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The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 23 and 24 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 3, 7, 110, 11 and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,602,136. Applicants are hereby submitting a Terminal Disclaimer as indicated in the Office Action to overcome these rejections.

The following Terminal Disclaimer is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003.

The owner, IGT, of 100 percent interest in the above-referenced application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-referenced application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of issued U.S. Patent No. 6,602,136.

The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-referenced

application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent is commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the above-referenced application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, the owner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-referenced application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173 of the prior patent, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that it later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its fully statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

The undersigned is an attorney of record. A check for \$110.00 to cover the Terminal Disclaimer fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) is enclosed. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit for any overpayment.

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